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New Continuing Education Requirement on Disabled Access

New legislation signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger requires that all California architects complete coursework on disabled access requirements. Senate Bill (SB) 1608 (Chapter 549, Statutes of 2008) also requires that licensees provide the California Architects Board (Board) documentation from the course provider as a condition of license renewal.



The bill was sponsored by the California Chamber of Commerce and the trial lawyers association. The Board opposed the legislation.

Basic Requirements

SB 1608 requires that as part of the license renewal requirements architects: 1) certify on the license renewal application that they have completed the required coursework; and 2) provide the Board with documentation from the course provider indicating the following: the course title; subjects covered; name of provider and trainer or educator; date of completion; number of hours completed; and a statement about the trainer or educator's knowledge and experience background.

Licensees are encouraged to complete these requirements in a timely manner to avoid a delay in processing their license

renewal. Licensees who fail to complete the required coursework cannot renew their license and cannot practice architecture until they have fulfilled the requirement.

Hours of Coursework Required

The amount of coursework hours required to renew a license will be phased in, eventually requiring five hours every renewal cycle (two years) for all licensees. Three factors are used to determine how much coursework is required: 1) license expiration date, 2) submittal date of completed renewal application and payment to the Board; and 3) actual effective date of the license renewal. A breakdown of the coursework hour(s) required based on the applicable factors is shown on page 7.

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President's Message

By Jon Alan Baker, FAIA,
Board President

Practice Based Education

The Board has long been concerned about whether architectural education reflects practice. In an era in which clients need competent practitioners, employers need well-trained architectural staff, and consumers need safe buildings designed by trusted professionals, the need for education that is relevant to practice has never been greater.

An important catalyst in this area is the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Prize for Creative Integration of Practice and Education in the Academy. This prize recognizes excellence and innovation in curricular programs that bring together architectural education and practice.

Last year, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona produced the grand prize winning submission, "Low Cost Sustainable Housing for Tijuana, Mexico." In this project, students, practitioners, and a U.S. non-profit organization created prototype housing for the people of Tijuana, Mexico that incorporated a variety of sustainability strategies. According to the jury, "the effects of this project are potentially far-reaching in terms of the benefits to the potential dwellers whose lives could be improved through a greener, more affordable housing solution."

NCARB was also closely involved in the development of the next generation of accreditation standards, and the California Architects Board has also been an active participant in the process. As the process continues through the National Architectural Accrediting Board, it is critical that the academic culture begin to address the results of our recently completed Occupational Analysis Study. This study provides vital information that can align education standards with the needs of the profession. The result can be better prepared aspiring professionals with broader career opportunities and improved earning potential.

Practice-based education is an issue we must all support. It is crucial for a viable profession, and critical to the career enhancement of our next generation of architects.

New Board Member & Reappointments



Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Hraztan Zeitlian, AIA, LEED, as an architect member of the Board on October 29, 2008. Zeitlian is Vice President and Director of Design of the Los Angeles Office of Leo A. Daly. Previously, he has worked for RTKL, Gensler, JohnsonFain, and WWCOT. His work has garnered two American Architecture national Design Awards from the Chicago Athenaeum, as well as an AIA/Los Angeles Chapter Next LA Design Award. Zeitlian serves on the Board of The American Institute of Architects' Los Angeles Chapter, as well as on the Board of the Southern California Development Forum. Zeitlian is a graduate of Columbia University and the Rhode Island School of Design. His term expires June 30, 2010.



Governor Schwarzenegger reappointed Iris Cochlan as a public member of the Board on October 29, 2008. She has served on the Board since 2005, and is currently the Vice President of the Board. Cochlan is a manager with Eugene Burger Management Corporation. She was the chief executive officer and president of Cochlan/Associates Management Company, a property management firm from 1979 to 2004. Cochlan is a member of the California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. She chairs the Board's Communications Committee, serves on the Executive Committee, and is the Board's liaison to the Landscape Architects Technical Committee. Her term expires June 30, 2012.



Governor Schwarzenegger reappointed Marilyn Lyon as a public member of the Board on October 29, 2008. She has served on the Board since 2006, and is currently the Secretary of the Board. A resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, Lyon has been the owner of Lyon & Associates Marketing and Public Relations since 1991. Lyon has been very active working with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (located in the southern region of Los Angeles County) with their energy efficiency information, education, and savings programs directed toward residents, businesses and public agencies. Lyon served on the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council from 1993 to 2001, and was mayor of the city in 1996 and 2001. Lyon has also served on the Los Angeles Regional Quality Control Board 1997-2000 and the California Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors 1996-2001. She chairs the California Architects Board's Legislative Subcommittee and the Examination Committee and serves on the Executive Committee and Communications Committee. Her term expires June 30, 2012.

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona offers a five-year Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) degree and a three-and-a-quarter-year Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degree, both of which are accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. The graduate program offers concentrations in sustainability and historic preservation, and undergraduates may enroll in courses in these areas.

The mission of the Department of Architecture is "...to advocate the broader purposes of architecture, including its public significance, its role in creating sustainable environments, and its provision of service to society through graduates who are responsible professionals, motivated by a sense of civic engagement."

Providing Students an Integrated Education

Cal Poly Pomona architecture students are required to take a studio course every quarter in each year. "We focus on integrating knowledge-based areas directly into the studio," says Professor Judith Sheine, RA, department chair.

"As students learn about sustainability, environmental controls, codes, construction, and history, they are required to demonstrate their understanding of these concepts by integrating the knowledge into their studio projects."

The faculty plays a key role in the program's integrative approach. "Almost all of our full-time professors teach both lecture and studio courses," Sheine says. The school currently has 16 full-time and 10 to 15 part-time faculty members. About half of the full-time faculty are licensed in California.

Sheine says that the focus on providing an integrated education produces candidates who are both technically

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informed and creative. The school's motto is 'innovation informed by knowledge.' "The more knowledge we give students, the better equipped they will be to integrate their knowledge into creative activities and continue to innovate throughout their careers," Sheine says.

The school's success in balancing knowledge and creativity was illustrated last year in their receiving the NCARB Prize for the Creative Integration of Practice and Education in the Academy for its project, "Low cost sustainable housing, Tijuana Mexico." The project provided students a unique opportunity to apply their knowledge and design skills in a real-world setting.

Another way the program provides students an integrated education is through a 500-hour internship requirement. Half of the hours must be

completed under the supervision of a licensed architect. The other half may be with either a licensed architect or a licensed allied professional. Students who are eligible to participate in the Intern Development Program (IDP) and Comprehensive Intern Development Program (CIDP) may use their internship to meet both requirements.

IDP/CIDP Information and Placement Assistance

The school educates students about the IDP/CIDP requirement in their first year of the undergraduate program, and provides additional details during the Professional Practice course in the fourth year (graduate students take this course in their second year). Students who are looking for internships can post their resumes on the ENV College's job Web site. Firms with job/internship openings

can post information on the Web site as well as on a traditional departmental bulletin board.

According to Sheine, one of the most valuable resources for students and firms interested in hiring is the college's annual career day. Firms can register for the event on the Web site, and students can sign up for interviews there as well. In 2008, 70 firms participated and 50 of those were architectural firms.

A Popular and Successful Program

In 2007, the school's undergraduate program received more than 2,000 applications for 100 openings, while the graduate program received 135 applications for 20 openings. Although both programs are very competitive, Sheine encourages all interested students to apply. "We would like to be able to admit more students, but we would need more state funding to do so," Sheine says.

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Changes to **CIDP/IDP REQUIREMENTS**

Each state has its own requirements for the point at which a candidate can begin taking the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). Unlike some other jurisdictions, California allows candidates early access to the ARE. California is also one of the states that allows candidates to begin taking the ARE after obtaining five years of post-secondary education and/or work experience under the direct supervision of an architect. California candidates may also begin the Comprehensive Intern Development Program (CIDP)/Intern Development Program (IDP) after verification of any of the following:

- Three years in a National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) or Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) accredited professional degree program;
- Currently enrolled in the third year of a four-year pre-professional degree program in architecture accepted for direct entry to a NAAB- or CACB-accredited professional degree program;
- One year in a NAAB- or CACB-accredited Master of Architecture degree program for candidates with undergraduate degrees in another discipline;
- 96 semester credit hours as evaluated by NAAB in accordance with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) education requirement, of which no more than 60 hours can be in the general education subject area; or
- Three years of education equivalents as evaluated by the Board in accordance with the Board's Table of Equivalents. (See the Board's Web site at www.cab.ca.gov under Candidate Information or Forms/Publications for the Table of Equivalents).

Enrollment in IDP Prior to Taking ARE

Effective July 1, 2008, the California Architects Board (Board) amended its regulations to coincide with a newly enacted NCARB standard that requires candidates applying for ARE eligibility on or after July 1, 2008, to enroll in IDP prior to being permitted to take the ARE. Candidates may enroll in IDP prior to applying for eligibility for the ARE by taking the following steps:

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Changes to CIDP/IDP REQUIREMENTS

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- Visit the NCARB Web site (www.ncarb.org) to begin an online application or request an IDP Information Package from NCARB. This package includes a Council Record application.
- Identify an IDP supervisor and select an IDP mentor.
- Develop a personal record-keeping system for documenting training on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis or use NCARB's IDP Workbook, an Excel-based spreadsheet.
- Place an online request to have the Board notified of your NCARB Record Number.

Candidates may apply to the Board for eligibility evaluation at any time they believe they have met the five-year requirement by submitting an *Application for Eligibility Evaluation – Architect Registration Examination* and the \$100 fee. Eligibility is determined by the Board's evaluation of the supporting documentation in accordance with the Table of Equivalents.

Six-Month Rule for IDP Training Unit Reporting

During the NCARB 2008 Annual Meeting, the Member Boards voted to adopt a resolution known as the Six-Month Rule. The rule stems from a 2005 study conducted by NCARB and The American Institute of Architects that indicated regular reporting improves reporting accuracy, encourages better supervision, targets needed experience, and is designed to make the internship experience more constructive and valuable.

The Six-Month Rule requires interns to submit their IDP training units in reporting periods of no longer than six months in duration and within two months of the completion of each reporting period. All training unit reports must be submitted electronically through NCARB's electronic Experience Verification Reporting (e-EVR) system, which was launched December 31, 2008. The electronic system has replaced paper submissions, which are no longer being accepted.

The Six-Month Rule will be implemented gradually and will initially apply only to interns establishing a *new* NCARB Record on or after July 1, 2009. The rule will ultimately apply to *all* interns beginning July 1, 2010. NCARB also responded to a question that many interns had posed to the Board: Does the Six Month Rule prevent those without professional degrees from accruing time for establishing their IDP entry point? NCARB indicated that the rule does not apply when submitting experience to establish the IDP entry point.



It is strongly recommended that interns submit a record of any experience they have earned, which is older than six months, *as soon as possible to avoid losing those training units*. Retroactive experience can be submitted by interns until June 30, 2009. Once interns enter qualified training units into the e-EVR system, they will not be penalized for delays in processing caused by their supervisor or NCARB. Interns can lose submitted training units if the units are deemed invalid by the supervisor or they are not earned in accordance with IDP rules.

The Six-Month Rule provides for a reasonable extension of the reporting period when reporting is prevented by the birth or adoption of a child, a serious medical condition, active duty in military service, or for other similar reasons. The application and review process for such requests will be available when the Six-Month Rule becomes effective.

Important Note

Candidates who applied to the Board and were determined to be eligible for examination prior to January 1, 2005, are not required to complete IDP in order to receive a California license. However, most other jurisdictions require IDP for licensure. The Board strongly recommends that candidates considering licensure in another U.S. jurisdiction at any time in the future enroll in IDP and submit their experience for IDP training units prior to July 1, 2009, to avoid the potential loss of experience credit.

Schedule of Disabled Access Coursework Requirements

| TIMELY LICENSE RENEWALS (Renewal must be postmarked on or before license expiration date) | |
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| LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE | COURSEWORK REQUIRED |
| 1/31/09 – 5/31/09 | 0 Hour |
| 6/30/09 – 11/30/09 | 1 Hour |
| 12/31/09 – 12/31/10 | 2½ Hours |
| 1/31/11 or Later | 5 Hours |

| DELINQUENT LICENSE RENEWALS (Received after expiration date) | |
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| DATE DELINQUENT RENEWAL RECEIVED AT THE BOARD | COURSEWORK REQUIRED |
| On or Before 6/30/09 | 0 Hour |
| 7/1/09 – 12/31/09 | 1 Hour |
| 1/1/10 – 12/31/10 | 2½ Hours |
| 1/1/11 or Later | 5 Hours |

(Note: License holders may not legally practice architecture during periods of license expiration.)

Coursework Requirements

The bill specifies that the coursework must include information and practical guidance concerning the requirements imposed by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336; 42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), state laws that govern access to public facilities, and federal and state regulations adopted pursuant to those laws. The coursework must be presented by trainers or educators with knowledge and expertise in disabled access requirements. The Board does not have authority to approve course providers or courses.

Coursework Providers

Coursework on disabled access requirements is available from a variety of sources. The Board is listing some of these sources to assist architects in finding courses; however, the Board does not endorse any specific course, and other providers are available including on-line providers. In selecting a course, be sure to choose one that includes coursework as required by SB 1608 and described in detail above. Verify that the material is presented by trainers or educators with knowledge and expertise in these requirements.

Partial List of Coursework Providers

The American Institute of Architects, California Council (chapters)
(916) 448-9082
www.aia.org/ces_cesdirectories

California Building Officials

(916) 457-1103
www.calbo.org/industry_pro/Training/Classdetail.aspx?ClassID=787

Division of the State Architect

(916) 445-8100
www.dsaacademy.dgs.ca.gov/registration/class.asp?id=33

Local Building Departments

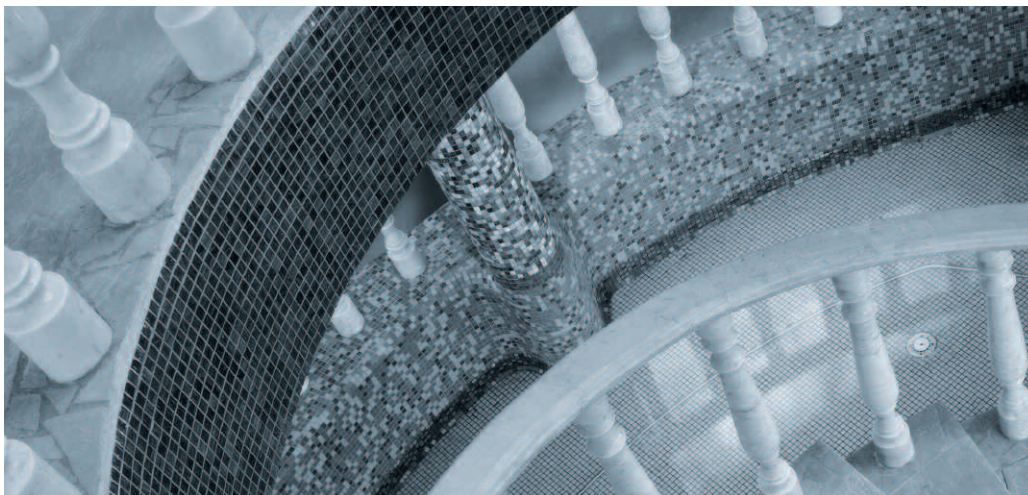
Effective Date of License Renewal

Business and Professions Code section 121 stipulates that licensees who have complied with the license renewal requirements (e.g., required signature(s), complete course provider documentation, correct fee, etc.) prior to the license expiration date may engage in legal practice of their profession until receipt

of the renewed license if the delay was not the fault of the licensee. (This provision does not apply to delinquent or incomplete renewal applications.)

To assist architects in reporting the required information, the Board has developed an optional form that may be used for reporting purposes. The form is available at http://www.cab.ca.gov/pdf/forms/course_provider_form.pdf. Other documentation containing the required information will be accepted in lieu of this form.

If you have any questions about the new requirement, additional information is available on the Board's Web site at www.cab.ca.gov, or you may call the Board at (916) 574-7220.



ARCHITECTS PRACTICE ACT REGULATORY CHANGES

In August 2008, revisions to California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 134 (Architectural Business Names) and elimination of section 135 (Association) were adopted and made part of the Architects Practice Act.

These regulation changes were preceded by the following statutory changes:

1) Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 5558 (Mailing Address and Name of Business Entity) was adopted and added in September 2001. This section requires licensees to report and maintain current business entity name and address information; and,

2) BPC section 5535 (Persons and Business Entities Defined) was adopted and added in October 2007 to more clearly define the business entities through which architectural services may be provided.

These changes were initiated and guided by the goal of clarifying the Architects Practice Act's statutory title and practice protections while maintaining and reinforcing controls over misrepresentation and unlicensed practice. We believe the changes achieve that goal. We recognize that as with any changes in operations, rules, and regulations, many questions will arise as they are implemented. The following information provides answers to some of the possible questions that may arise.

CCR SECTION 134 (ARCHITECTURAL BUSINESS NAMES)

What are the revisions to CCR section 134 (Architectural Business Names)?

The Architects Practice Act is a "title" act and a "practice" act. The revised regulatory language supports and clarifies current statutory title and practice provisions of the Architects Practice Act by clearly defining the following:

- **Use of the title:** Only architects and business entities wherein an architect is the owner, a part-owner, an officer, or an employee with management control of the architectural services being offered may use the protected title and related terms in their business entity name, offers, and/or advertising devices; and

- **Responsible control in a business:** When business entities advertise and/or represent by use of the protected title and/or related terms that they are architects, or qualified to provide architectural services, then an architect must be in responsible control of all the architectural services being offered and/or provided; and
- **Definitions:** All terms used in the revised regulations are defined in context with specific statutory references.

How do these revisions affect me as a practicing architect in California?

For a California licensee practicing in conformance with the provisions of the Architects Practice Act, these changes do not present negative impacts on your



practice, business name, and/or advertising. As long as your license and your business entity information is current as required in BPC section 5558, these regulatory revisions simplify and broaden your entitled use of the title and related terms. In addition, if you are a part of a business entity, these revisions more clearly define your statutorily required position and authority/responsibility within that entity.

Do the revisions affect Architects Practice Act requirements for written contracts for services with a client?

No, they do not. The written contract requirements of BPC section 5536.22 apply as they always have. In the case of architects within a business entity who do not have contracting authority, the business entity is required to provide in the contract the name(s) and license number(s) of the architect(s) who will be in responsible control of the services being offered.

How do these revisions affect me as an unlicensed person providing design services in California?

For an unlicensed designer, the revised regulation language clearly defines who, when, and how the statutory title and practice provisions apply in the context of a business entity name and services

being offered and provided. The revised regulation is no more restrictive than the previous regulation or existing statutory requirements.

CCR SECTION 135 (ASSOCIATION)

Recent changes in the Architects Practice Act included elimination of CCR section 135 (Association). This regulation became unnecessary as a result of the recent changes in BPC section 5535 to more clearly define the business entities through which architectural services may be provided; the addition of BPC section 5558 requiring the reporting of business entity names; and the adopted changes to CCR section 134 that more clearly define how architects and unlicensed persons can work together.

With the elimination CCR section 135 (Association), does this mean that architects and unlicensed persons can no longer “associate”?

No, architects are not prohibited from associating or collaborating with unlicensed persons. BPC section 5535 describes the forms of business entities and collaborations that architects may use for the practice of architecture. The elimination of this regulation removes the confusing language related to the statutorily unsupported concept of a

“joint” offering of architectural services. The revised regulations and the updated statutes make it much clearer that architectural services must be provided by an architect or under his or her responsible control.

How do architects and unlicensed persons associate or collaborate now that CCR section 135 is eliminated?

They do so as provided in the Architects Practice Act beginning with BPC section 5535 and CCR sections 134 and 151. When there is a consulting relationship between an architect and an unlicensed person, there must be a written agreement in compliance with CCR section 151 wherein the architect exercises immediate and responsible direction over the services being offered and provided.





Enforcement Actions

CAB is responsible for receiving and investigating complaints against licensees and unlicensed persons. CAB also retains the authority to make final decisions on all enforcement actions taken against its licensees. Included below is a brief description of recent enforcement actions taken by CAB against individuals who were found to be in violation of the Architects Practice Act.

Every effort is made to ensure the following information is correct. Before making any decision based upon this information, you should contact CAB. Further information on specific violations may also be obtained by contacting the Board's Enforcement Unit at (916) 575-7208.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

NANCY HEUNG (Alhambra) On or about September 10, 2008, a Statement of Issues was filed against Nancy Heung, a candidate for licensure, after she appealed the Board's denial of her Application for California Supplemental Examination (CSE). The denial was based on evidence that Heung, after taking the General Structures division, the Lateral Forces division, and the Construction Documents and Services division of the Architect Registration Examination, used a pseudonym and posted comments on the Internet that either paraphrased or directly revealed the subject of questions on the examinations she had just taken, violations of Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 5552(a), 480 (a) (2) and (3), and 123(a). A stipulated settlement and disciplinary order was negotiated and adopted by the Board on December 3, 2008 and became effective on December 10, 2008. The terms and conditions of the stipulation included allowing Heung to take the CSE and upon passing it and paying her license fees, be issued a license, which would be immediately revoked, revocation stayed, and Heung placed on five years' probation commencing from the date the license was issued. Other terms and conditions included reimbursing the Board \$1,602 for its investigative and prosecution costs and successfully completing an ethics course approved by the Board.

CITATIONS

V.C. AGUILAR (San Diego) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to V.C. Aguilar, an unlicensed individual, dba VC Aguilar & Associates, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Aguilar presented plans to the County of San Diego for a

proposed residence. The plans contained a title block stating "VC AGUILAR & ASSOCIATES" and "Architectural Engineering Services." The citation became effective on December 11, 2008.

ALEX WEI-CHUNG CHANG (San Gabriel) The Board issued a 10-count administrative citation that included a \$9,000 civil penalty to Alex Wei-Chung Chang, an unlicensed individual, for alleged violations of BPC sections 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect) and 5536.1(c) (Unauthorized Practice). The action alleged that Chang's business card included the title "Architect" in Chinese characters under his name. On or about July 13, 2004, Chang executed an agreement offering to provide professional design services for a five-unit condominium in San Gabriel, California. On or about January 12, 2005, Chang prepared construction documents for the above mentioned five-unit condominium. On or about September 1, 2005, Chang executed an agreement offering to provide professional design services for a tenant improvement and exterior remodel of a retail bakery located in San Gabriel, California. Chang offered design services that affect the structural features of the project. Chang prepared construction documents for the above tenant improvement project. On or about September 13, 2005, Chang executed an agreement offering to provide professional design services for a five-unit condominium or six-unit, three-story plus loft space condominium located in San Gabriel, California. On or about October 24, 2006, Chang prepared construction documents for the project. On or about April 21, 2006, Chang executed an agreement offering to provide professional design services for a two-story commercial building located in Temple City, California. On or about March 5, 2007, Chang executed an agreement

offering to provide professional design services for a 10-unit condominium located in Alhambra, California. On or about June 15, 2007, Chang prepared construction documents for the project. The citation became effective on December 1, 2008.

VERN E. GILL (Phoenix, AZ) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to Vern E. Gill, an unlicensed individual, for alleged violations of BPC sections 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect) and 5536.1(c) (Unauthorized Practice). The action alleged that on or about April 5, 2004, Gill entered into a contract to provide design and construction drawings for a seven-unit condominium located on two lots in Oxnard, California. In or about June 2004, Gill was informed by the City of Oxnard that the property was a single lot and that planning restrictions would permit only five-units. On or about June 29, 2004, Gill was advised by the City of Oxnard Building Official that the construction documents for the above five-unit condominium would require the stamp and signature of an architect or engineer in order for a permit to be issued. On or about December 7, 2004 and on or about February 17, 2005, Gill submitted drawings he prepared for the five-unit condominium to the City of Oxnard Building Department for plan check without the signature of an architect or engineer. The citation became effective on December 9, 2008.

JESS GONZALES (San Diego) The Board issued a two-count administrative citation that included a \$1,000 civil penalty to Jess Gonzales, an unlicensed individual, dba CDGI for alleged violations of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Gonzales executed a written

agreement to provide design for the development of a single-family residence. The agreement contained a letterhead stating "CDGI" "Architecture" "Space Planning" "Development." It stated that "Architecture" will be provided in Phase 4 of the project. The Internet revealed that CDGI was listed under the "Architects" headings at "Smartspages.com," "www.insiderpages.com," and "sandiegocitysearch.com." The citation became effective on November 25, 2008.

HARRY J. HEADY (Rancho Cucamonga) The Board issued a two-count administrative citation that included a \$1,000 civil penalty to Harry J. Heady, an unlicensed individual, dba Heady Design & Associates for alleged violations of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Heady executed a "Cost & Budget Proposal for Architectural and Engineering Services" for a Self-Service Car Wash located in Thousand Oaks, California. The proposal indicated that one of the services Heady would provide included "Prepare Architectural Design Package." The project was a commercial structure, which is considered a non-exempt project. The citation became effective on August 25, 2008.

CHARLES HUFF (Pleasanton) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to Charles Huff, architect license number C-12644, for alleged violations of BPC section 5536.22(a) (Written Contract). The action alleged that on or about July 1, 2003, Huff prepared a contract to remodel and enlarge a kitchen at an existing residence located in Livermore, California. On or about July 1, 2003, Huff signed the contract, but the clients did not. At or around the end of July 2003, Huff provided final plans to the clients. On or about September 4, 2004, Huff billed the clients for architectural services. The citation became effective on December 1, 2008.

ANDREW LEMKE (Victorville) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to Andrew Lemke, an unlicensed individual, for alleged violations of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that on or about September 2, 2008, the Internet revealed that Lemke's company, Modern Impact Designs, was listed under the "Architects" heading on yellowbook.com,

and iaf.net. Lemke's company, Modern Impact Designs, was also listed under the "Architects" heading in the Big Bear Lake telephone directory. The citation became effective on October 6, 2008.

NICKOLAS ROGER LIVINGSTON

(Rancho Cucamonga) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$1,000 civil penalty to Nickolas Roger Livingston, architect license number C-21918, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536.1(a) (Signature and Stamp on Plans and Documents). The action alleged that on or about August 8, 2006, Livingston faxed a letter to a framing contractor instructing him to "fake" Livingston's signature on stamped details. Livingston also instructed the framing contractor to use blue or red ink, so that it looked like the original. On or about December 3, 2007, by Livingston's own admission, Livingston sent two or three Change Orders that he drew and stamped for the Field Superintendent, for the framing contractor to sign Livingston's name to the stamp. On or about October 30, 2006, the framing contractor forged Livingston's signature on several Change Orders for projects located in Helendale, California. The citation became effective on November 25, 2008.

SAM NOR (Inglewood) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to Sam Nor, an unlicensed individual, for alleged violations of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that on or about September 22, 2006, Nor sent a letter/invoice to his client stating that his company, SAEICO will provide "Architectural" services for a fee of \$6,500. The letterhead on the letter/invoice included the word "Architectural." On or about August 20, 2007, in an Order to go to Small Claims Court, Nor claimed that the client owed him \$6,035 for "Architectural" drawings. The citation became effective on November 10, 2008.

EDVART OURDUKHANIAN (Tujunga) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to Edvart Ourdukhian, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that on or about January 9, 2007, Ourdukhian signed an agreement with his client in which Ourdukhian offered to

provide "Architectural Design Sketches" and "Architectural Working Drawings" for an existing single-family residence located in Sunland, California. In the agreement, Ourdukhian signed his name under the title "Architect." The citation became effective on September 29, 2008.

VICTOR PASCUA, JR. (Milpitas) The Board issued a two-count administrative citation that included a \$5,000 civil penalty to Victor Pascua, Jr., an unlicensed individual, dba VPJ Air Construction for alleged violations of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Pascua executed a written contract for a proposed room and bathroom addition. The contract stated that "Architectural design for Planning review" would be provided. The contract contained a heading entitled "Use of Architect's Instruments of Service and Liability" and a signature line which stated "Victor Pascua – Architect." Pascua put out a "Design/Drafting Service Contract," which contained letterhead stating "Victor Pascua, Jr.," "VPJ Construction," and "Architectural Design and Drawing." The contract contained a paragraph that stated "This contract is in accordance to the regulations of the AIA (American Institute of Architects), and the California Board of Architectural Examiners." The citation became effective on October 16, 2008.

DIANA SUHANOVA (Sacramento) The Board issued a two-count administrative citation that included a \$5,000 civil penalty to Diana Suhanova, an unlicensed individual dba All in One, for alleged violations of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Suhanova submitted plans to the Sacramento Building Inspection Division for a residence. The plans contained a title block stating "Architectural Drafting Service." The name of the firm on the title block is "All in One" and contained Suhanova's name, address, and email address. Suhanova had an advertisement on the Internet Web site, www.sacweekly.com/11ALLinONE.htm, which contained her name and firm name and stated that she provided "Architectural, Building, Interior Design" services. The citation became effective on September 19, 2008.

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